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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS - BID DEADLINE RESCHEDULED FOR NEW TOCUMEN
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

REFS: (A) PANAMA A-93; (B) PANAMA 4629

1. OPENING AND REVIEW OF BIDS SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 7 FOR NEW TOCUMEN AIRPORT TERMINAL AND RELATED WORKS WERE CANCELLED WHEN ONLY ONE CONTRACTOR MET THIS DEADLINE FOR BID SUBMISSION. THE DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION (DAC), WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS \$20 MILLION IBRD-ASSISTED PROJECT, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT NEW DEADLINE HAS BEEN SET FOR NOVEMBER 25 AT 10 A.M. THIS PHASE OF PROJECT INCLUDES ALL RELATED WORKS EXCEPT RUNWAYS, ILS AND DE-DUCTIBLE OPTION EQUIPMENT (SEE REFS A AND B).

2. BIDS WERE EXPECTED FROM PERINI, HARBERT (BOTH US), AND MEXICO, SOUTH KOREA AND BRAZIL FIRMS, BUT ONLY PERINI DELIVERED DOCUMENTS TO DAC IN TIME FOR FORMAL OPENING. ONLY PRE-QUALIFIED FIRMS WERE ELIGIBLE TO BID. AS THIS RULE ALSO APPLIES FOR RE-SCHEDULED BIDDING, NO ADDITIONAL FIRMS NOT PRE-QUALIFIED AS OF JULY 1, 1974 ARE ELIGIBLE TO BID.

3. PROJECT OFFICERS AND CONTRACTOR REPS INDICATE REASONS FOR POOR BID RESPONSE ARE TWO-FOLD. FIRST, SPECIFICATIONS PRESCRIBE PRODUCTS OF HIGH QUALITY OR TYPE WHICH IN SHORT SUPPLY OR OTHERWISE DIFFICULT OBTAIN. SECOND, BIDDERS CONSIDERED PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENTS TOO COSTLY AND PENALTY RATES TOO HIGH.

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4. DAC HAS RELEXED PROVISIONS IN SECOND CATEGORY FOR SUB-MISSION OF BIDS NOVEMBER 25. DAC BELIEVED AMENABLE ALSO TO REVISION OF CERTAIN SPEDIFICATIONS IN NEGOTIATING WITH SUCCESSFUL BIDDER AFTER FINAL BID OPENING.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PERINI EXPECTED TO RE-SUBMIT BID, IT BELIEVED STILL CONCERNED OVER AVAILABILITIES FROM U.S. SOURCES OF CERTAIN MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS FOR PROJECT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT DISCUSSION OF PROJECT BY USDOC WITH PERINI MAY REVEAL WAYS THIS AND PERHAPS OTHER PROBLEMS MAY BE RESOLVED WITH USDOC ASSISTANCE. PROJECT OFFICERS ARE: ALBERT PERINI, JOHN CHIAVERINI, PERINI CORP., 460 DAVIS COURT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.
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